

# San Diego River Conservancy

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Mr. Chris Zirkle  
Development Services Department  
City of San Diego  
1222 First Avenue, MS 501  
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Dear Mr. Zirkle,

I am writing to express the San Diego River Conservancy's strong support for the West Point Loma Boulevard Wetland Restoration Project at Famosa Slough.

As I am sure you are aware, the time constraints for completing the project before the funding expires are very tight. In order to receive all the necessary grant funds for restoration work, strict timelines must be met and all restoration work must be completed by the end of December 2005. The project will restore about one and a half acres of wetland and the same of upland habitats. It is one of the largest of the projects recommended in the City's Famosa Slough Enhancement Plan and is critical for increasing tidal wetland habitat within the San Diego River system.

The San Diego River Conservancy strongly urges the City of San Diego to expedite the City's permitting process in order to allow the restoration work to begin. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Deborah S. Jayne  
Executive Officer  
San Diego River Conservancy